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The European Responsibility for East Timor -

A conserted appraoch towards the remenants of colonialism

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In 1975 the Indonesian government made use of the power-vacuum in the wake of portuguese "carnation"-revolution to invade East-Timor against the interest of the majority of the population and to declare the country as its 27. province. Since then East-Timor has been one of those centres of conflicts in the world where there are indisputable statements by the UN about violation of human rights and the sovereignty of the people involved, where churches and human rights' organisationes take action but where hardly any progress can be seen in coping with the conflict. In contrary: Since 1975 the conflict has cost the lives of about 200.000 Timores people. Today there are 600.000 people left in East-Timor.

East Timor belongs to the remains of the former Portuguese Colonial Empire. The Portuguese arrived to the island in the second decade of the XVI. century. Until then, Timor had never been politically submitted to any of the Empires, Kingdoms und Sultanates which developed from some of the islands that nowadays make part of Indonesia. When, one century later, the Dutch began driving the Portuguese out of the achipelago, these found in East Timor their last bastion.

In the context of the European Union, the conflict in East-Timor acquires a special dimension. Portugal as former imperial power in East-Timor, the Netherlands as former imperial power in Indonesia and the Federal Republic of Germany as one of the largest suppliers of arms for Indonesia have to become aware of the common European colonial heritage, their new status in the world and to find a common position for responsable action. Apart from questions of political moral and the recognition of the new political power of the European Union within the general context of "world home policy" there has to be taken into account Europe's special interest in cooperation with ASEAN-countries. There are widely differing positions towards the East-Timor conflict, which have to be considered in the reflection process.

The conference will take place in close cooperation with Portuguese, Dutch and German institutions of politics, economy and different civil-rights-movements and NGO's. Apart from the actual questions of the attitude of European states towards East-Timor, the main goal of the conference is stimulating a European consciousness in this sector which will hopefully lead to a joint coping with such conflicts.

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Friday, 30. September 1994

17.30	Arrival
18.00	Dinner
19.00	*** Welcome and Introduction**
	Dr. Rüdiger Sareika, Ev. Akademie Iserlohn
	Peter Franke, Southeast Asia Infomationcenter, Bochum
	*** Development of the East-Timor Conflict in an International and Historical Context**
	Prof. A. Barbedo Magalhaes, University Porto, Portugal
	Klemens Ludwig, Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker, Göttingen

Saturday, 1. October 1994

8.15	Breakfast
9.00	*** East-Timor and the Right of Selfdetermination**
	Prof. Roger Clark,Ruders Law School, USA
	*** Human Rights Violation in East Timor**
	José Amorium, Exil Timorese, at present Netherlands, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisations (UNPO) Den Haag,
10.30	Coffee-Break
11.00	*** Present Political Situation in Indonesia**
	N.N. (A speaker from Indonesia is confirmed)
	*** The Timor Issues in Indonesia**
	George Aditjondor, Satya Wacana University, Indonesia
12.30	Lunch
14.30	*** International and Regional Reactions towards the Occupation of East-Timor**
	Dr. Gilmar Mendez, Brasilia
	Renato Constantino jr., Representative of the Asia-Pacific-Conference on East Timor (APCET), Philippines
	*** The East Timor Issue from the Perspective of Malaysia**
	Dr. Ariffin Omar, ALIRAN, Malaysia
16.00	Coffee-Break
16.30	*** Assessment of the European Reaction**
	Prof. Christine Chinkin, University of Southampton, GB
	*** Arm Trade with Indonesia, Germanies Responsibility**
	Rainer Kahrs, Journalist, Action Groups against Arm-Trade with Indonesia, Bremen
18.00	Dinner
19.00	**Cold Blood**, Max Stahl, London, (Videofilm)

Sunday, 2. October 1994

8.15	Breakfast
9.00	*** Proposals for the Solution of the East Timor Problem**
	Statements by representatives of the Indonesian and the Portuguese government, East Timorese movement
	Ramos Horta, East-Timor, at present Australia
	*** Remarks by representatives of different states and organisations**
10.30	Coffee-Break
11.00	**Panel-discussion and general discussion with the floor**
12.30	Lunch/End of the Conference

Conference-Language: Englisch / German Translation

Steering commitee Dr. Rüdiger Sareika, Ev. Akademie Iserlohn

Secretary: Helga Weber, Tel. 02371/35249 (9.00 Uhr - 15.30 Uhr)
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Via federal road Nr. 233 and all the other large roads reaching Iserlohn look for the sign: "Ev. Akademie".